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### **Report Highlights:**

**Soybean area and production rose sharply in 2001 (harvested starting in April) to a record 26 million tons. Area is expected to increase once again in 2002, although not as sharply, with production projected to increase slightly to 26.3 million tons.**

**Sunflower production plunged to 3.3 million tons and is expected to fall once again in 2002.**

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## Section I. Situation and Outlook

### Soybeans

Area and production of soybeans rose sharply in 2001 (harvested starting in April 2001) to a record 26 million tons. Relatively low production costs and favorable prices at planting time (relative to other crops) led farmers to shift land out of sunflower and corn, and plant almost 20 percent more soybeans. Favorable weather also had an impact on production of both first crop and second crop soybeans. Warm and wet weather late in the growing season was particularly beneficial for second crop soybeans. As of April 27, the total soybean crop was 47 percent harvested.

Area planted to soybeans in 2002 (harvested in April 2001) is expected to increase once again, although not as dramatically as in 2001. Despite current low prices, soybeans remain an attractive alternative relative to other crops (particularly sunflower) due to low production costs and favorable yields. We expect a relative small increase in production for 2002 (only 300,000 tons) as yields are projected to be lower than this year, both because of a return to more normal weather and an expected increase in the area of double crop soybeans. Good prices for wheat are expected to result in additional area planted to wheat (with soybeans double cropped after wheat).

Exports of soybeans are expected to increase once again this year, as tariff increases on soybean oil imports in China and India encourage imports of soybeans rather than processed products. The local processing industry is highly concerned about an apparent trend towards increased protection for the processing industry in key oil and meal markets. Processing capacity is approximately 29 million tons of oilseeds, well in excess of expected oilseed production this year.

### Sunflower

Area planted to sunflower fell sharply in 2001 (harvested starting in March 2001) as low prices led farmers to shift area to soybeans. Area planted was approximately 44 percent less than the previous year, an area reduction of approximately 1.5 million hectares. Total production for 2001 is estimated at 3.3 million tons, with yields also hurt by excess rains at harvest time.

Area planted to sunflower in 2002 (harvested starting in March 2002) is expected to fall once again, as low prices and the poor harvest this year encourage farmers to reduce the area planted to sunflower by a projected 300,000 hectares.

### Peanuts

Early peanuts (harvested starting March 2001) were adversely affected by wet weather in March and early April. Dry and cool weather in the second half of April improved the quality of later peanuts, but it is still too early to project the overall impact of weather on peanut quality. Area planted to peanuts in 2002 is expect to remain fairly stable, although the exact area will of course depend on the results of the ongoing harvest and prices at planting time.

### Cottonseed

Increased area lead to greater cottonseed production in 2001, although bad weather and insect attacks meant lower cotton yields than initially expected. Area planted to cotton is expected to fall in 2002 due to low prices and the high weather risk of planting cotton.

## Section II. Statistical Tables

**Table 1. Soybean Supply and Demand**

PSD Table						
Country	Argentina					
Commodity	Oilseed, Soybean				(1000 HA)(1000 MT)	
	Revised	1999	Preliminary	2000	Forecast	2001
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		04/2000		04/2001		04/2002
Area Planted	8390	8736	9000	10438	0	10800
Area Harvested	8570	8583	9850	10000	0	10500
Beginning Stocks	410	410	300	300	930	600
Production	21200	21000	26000	26000	0	26500
MY Imports	450	300	300	300	0	300
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	22060	21710	26600	26600	930	27400
MY Exports	4100	4100	5800	5800	0	6500
MY Exp. to the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crush Dom. Consumption	17000	16500	19000	19390	0	19600
Food Use Dom. Consump.	10	10	10	10	0	0
Feed,Seed,Waste Dm.Cn.	650	800	860	800	0	800
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	17660	17310	19870	20200	0	20400
Ending Stocks	300	300	930	600	430	500
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	22060	21710	26600	26600	430	27400
Calendar Year Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Year Exports	0	4100	0	4800	0	5500
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Table 2. Soybean Oil Supply and Demand**

PSD Table						
Country	Argentina					
Commodity	Oil, Soybean				(1000 MT)(PERCENT)	
	Revised	1999	Preliminary	2000	Forecast	2001
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		04/2000		04/2001		04/2002
Crush	17000	16500	19000	19390	0	19600
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	0.187647	0.18	0.187632	0.180505	ERR	0.18
Beginning Stocks	100	100	111	111	166	150
Production	3190	2970	3565	3500	0	3528
MY Imports	0	84	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	3290	3154	3676	3611	166	3678
MY Exports	3075	2939	3400	3356	0	3471
MY Exp. to the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial Dom. Consum	5	5	5	5	0	5
Food Use Dom. Consump.	99	99	105	100	0	102
Feed Waste Dom. Consum	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	104	104	110	105	0	107
Ending Stocks	111	111	166	150	0	100
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	3290	3154	3676	3611	0	3678
Calendar Year Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Year Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Table 3. Soybean Meal Supply and Demand**

PSD Table						
Country	Argentina					
Commodity	Meal, Soybean				(1000 MT)(PERCENT)	
	Revised	1999	Preliminary	2000	Forecast	2001
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		04/2000		04/2001		04/2002
Crush	17000	16500	19000	19390	0	19600
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	0.815	0.81503	0.815	0.814853	ERR	0.815
Beginning Stocks	300	300	295	295	550	550
Production	13855	13448	15485	15800	0	15974
MY Imports	0	60	0	50	0	0
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	14155	13808	15780	16145	550	16524
MY Exports	13400	13063	14750	15115	0	15674
MY Exp. to the EC	5900	5900	6500	6500	0	6500
Industrial Dom. Consum	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food Use Dom. Consump.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed Waste Dom. Consum	460	450	480	480	0	500
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	460	450	480	480	0	500
Ending Stocks	295	295	550	550	0	350
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	14155	13808	15780	16145	0	16524
Calendar Year Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Year Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Table 4. Sunflowerseed Supply and Demand**

PSD Table						
Country	Argentina					
Commodity	Oilseed, Sunflowerseed				(1000 HA)(1000 MT)	
	Revised	1999	Preliminary	2000	Forecast	2001
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		03/2000		03/2001		03/2002
Area Planted	4000	3587	3250	2005	0	1700
Area Harvested	3477	3477	2000	1900	0	1600
Beginning Stocks	193	193	183	615	100	145
Production	6000	6000	3500	3300	0	2800
MY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	6193	6193	3683	3915	100	2945
MY Exports	400	220	185	170	0	200
MY Exp. to the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crush Dom. Consumption	5550	5310	3350	3550	0	2695
Food Use Dom. Consump.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed,Seed,Waste Dm.Cn.	60	48	48	50	0	50
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	5610	5358	3398	3600	0	2745
Ending Stocks	183	615	100	145	135	0
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	6193	6193	3683	3915	135	2945
Calendar Year Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Year Exports	0	800	0	250	0	0
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	40401	0	0	0

**Table 5. Sunflower Oil Supply and Demand**

PSD Table						
Country	Argentina					
Commodity	Oil, Sunflowerseed				(1000 MT)(PERCENT)	
	Revised	1999	Preliminary	2000	Forecast	2001
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		03/2000		03/2001		03/2002
Crush	5550	5310	3350	3550	0	2695
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.397183	ERR	0.4
Beginning Stocks	125	77	69	50	48	50
Production	2220	2124	1340	1410	0	1078
MY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	2345	2201	1409	1460	48	1128
MY Exports	1715	1634	810	890	0	628
MY Exp. to the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial Dom. Consum	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food Use Dom. Consump.	551	507	541	520	0	500
Feed Waste Dom. Consum	10	10	10	0	0	0
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	561	517	551	520	0	500
Ending Stocks	69	50	48	50	0	0
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	2345	2201	1409	1460	0	1128
Calendar Year Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Year Exports	1645	1750	1720	0	0	0
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0



**Table 6. Sunflower Meal Supply and Demand**

PSD Table						
Country	Argentina					
Commodity	Meal, Sunflowerseed				(1000 MT)(PERCENT)	
	Revised	1999	Preliminary	2000	Forecast	2001
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		03/2000		03/2001		03/2002
Crush	5550	5310	3350	3550	0	2695
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	0.42018	0.419962	0.420896	0.416901	ERR	0.420037
Beginning Stocks	93	90	93	50	63	60
Production	2332	2230	1410	1480	0	1132
MY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	2425	2320	1503	1530	63	1192
MY Exports	2180	1714	1300	1070	0	722
MY Exp. to the EC	2100	1700	1290	1000	0	650
Industrial Dom. Consum	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food Use Dom. Consump.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed Waste Dom. Consum	152	556	140	400	0	400
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	152	556	140	400	0	400
Ending Stocks	93	50	63	60	0	70
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	2425	2320	1503	1530	0	1192
Calendar Year Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Year Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Table 7. Peanut Supply and Demand**

PSD Table						
Country	Argentina					
Commodity	Oilseed, Peanut				(1000 HA)(1000 MT)	
	Revised	1999	Preliminary	2000	Forecast	2001
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		03/2000		03/2001		03/2002
Area Planted	390	219	390	245	0	240
Area Harvested	215	218	230	240	0	235
Beginning Stocks	0	0	10	16	10	10
Production	425	420	370	360	0	400
MY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
My Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	425	420	380	376	10	410
MY Exports	200	213	175	170	0	219
MY Exp. to the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crush Dom. Consumption	175	151	155	155	0	150
Food Use Dom. Consump.	21	21	21	21	0	21
Feed,Seed,Waste Dm.Cn.	19	19	19	20	0	20
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	215	191	195	196	0	191
Ending Stocks	10	16	10	10	0	0
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	425	420	380	376	0	410
Calendar Year Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Year Exports	155	150	265	265	0	260
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Table 8. Peanut Oil Supply and Demand**

PSD Table						
Country	Argentina					
Commodity	Oil, Peanut				(1000 MT)(PERCENT)	
	Revised	1999	Preliminary	2000	Forecast	2001
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		03/2000		03/2001		03/2002
Crush	175	151	155	155	0	150
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	0.325714	0.324503	0.322581	0.322581	ERR	0.32
Beginning Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0
Production	57	49	50	50	0	48
MY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	57	49	50	50	0	48
MY Exports	56	48	49	49	0	47
MY Exp. to the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial Dom. Consum	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food Use Dom. Consump.	1	1	1	1	0	1
Feed Waste Dom. Consum	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	1	1	1	1	0	1
Ending Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	57	49	50	50	0	48
Calendar Year Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Year Exports	0	93	0	50	0	0
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Table 9. Peanut Meal Supply and Demand**

PSD Table						
Country	Argentina					
Commodity	Meal, Peanut				(1000 MT)(PERCENT)	
	Revised	1999	Preliminary	2000	Forecast	2001
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		03/2000		03/2001		03/2002
Crush	175	151	155	155	0	150
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	0.44	0.437086	0.43871	0.43871	ERR	0.44
Beginning Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0
Production	77	66	68	68	0	66
MY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	77	66	68	68	0	66
MY Exports	69	58	60	60	0	57
MY Exp. to the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial Dom. Consum	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food Use Dom. Consump.	3	3	3	3	0	3
Feed Waste Dom. Consum	5	5	5	5	0	6
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	8	8	8	8	0	9
Ending Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	77	66	68	68	0	66
Calendar Year Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Year Exports	0	84	0	80	0	80
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Table 10. Peanut Exports for Oct. 1999 to Sept. 2000**

Export Trade Matrix			
Country	Argentina		
Commodity	Oilseed, Peanut		
Time period	Oct.-Sept	Units:	
Exports for:	1999		2000
U.S.	27933	U.S.	
Others		Others	
Brazil	4132		
Canada	61325		
Chile	2150		
UAE	2719		
Greece	2031		
Italy	8181		
Netherlands	89200		
United Kingdom	16519		
Germany	2059		
Total for Others	188316		0
Others not Listed	9405		
Grand Total	225654		0

**Table 11. Peanut Oil Exports for Oct. 1999 to Sept. 2000**

Export Trade Matrix			
Country	Argentina		
Commodity	Oil, Peanut		
Time period	Oct. - Sept	Units:	
Exports for:	1999 2000		1
U.S.	14560	U.S.	
Others		Others	
Australia	400		
Chile	492		
France	5500		
Malaysia	1403		
Netherlands	47541		
Singapore	1300		
South Africa	750		
Hong Kong	2800		
Total for Others	60186		0
Others not Listed			
Grand Total	74746		0

**Table 12. Peanut Meal Exports for Oct. 1999 to Sept. 2000**

Export Trade Matrix			
Country	Argentina		
Commodity	Meal, Peanut		
Time period	Oct. - Sept.	Units:	
Exports for:	1999 2000		1
U.S.	0	U.S.	
Others		Others	
Netherlands	25981		
Thailand	8062		
Total for Others	34043		0
Others not Listed			
Grand Total	34043		0

**Table 13. Cottonseed Supply and Demand**

PSD Table						
Country	Argentina					
Commodity	Oilseed, Cottonseed				(1000 HA)(1000 MT)(RATIO)	
	Revised	1999	Preliminary	2000	Forecast	2001
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		03/2000		03/2001		03/2002
Area Planted (COTTON)	1000	339	1000	415	0	300
Area Harvested(COTTON)	331	300	380	380	0	275
Seed to Lint Ratio	300	0	300	0	0	0
Beginning Stocks	27	27	22	0	22	0
Production	240	260	270	330	0	240
MY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	267	287	292	330	22	240
MY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Exp. to the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crush Dom. Consumption	225	267	255	315	0	225
Food Use Dom. Consump.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed,Seed,Waste Dm.Cm.	20	20	15	15	0	15
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	245	287	270	330	0	240
Ending Stocks	22	0	22	0	0	0
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	267	287	292	330	0	240
Calendar Year Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Year Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0



**Table 14. Cottonseed Oil Supply and Demand**

PSD Table						
Country	Argentina					
Commodity	Oil, Cottonseed				(1000 MT)(PERCENT)	
	Revised	1999	Preliminary	2000	Forecast	2001
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		03/2000		03/2001		03/2002
Crush	225	267	255	315	0	225
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	0.16	0.161049	0.164706	0.15873	ERR	0.16
Beginning Stocks	10	10	3	3	5	5
Production	36	43	42	50	0	36
MY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	46	53	45	53	5	41
MY Exports	33	33	30	33	0	21
MY Exp. to the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial Dom. Consum	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food Use Dom. Consump.	10	17	10	15	0	15
Feed Waste Dom. Consum	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	10	17	10	15	0	15
Ending Stocks	3	3	5	5	0	5
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	46	53	45	53	0	41
Calendar Year Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Year Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Table 15. Cottonseed Meal Supply and Demand**

PSD Table						
Country	Argentina					
Commodity	Meal, Cottonseed				(1000 MT)(PERCENT)	
	Revised	1999	Preliminary	2000	Forecast	2001
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		03/2000		03/2001		03/2002
Crush	225	267	255	315	0	225
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	0.462222	0.449438	0.490196	0.450794	ERR	0.453333
Beginning Stocks	8	8	8	8	8	8
Production	104	120	125	142	0	102
MY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	112	128	133	150	8	110
MY Exports	100	59	121	92	0	60
MY Exp. to the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial Dom. Consum	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food Use Dom. Consump.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed Waste Dom. Consum	4	61	4	50	0	50
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	4	61	4	50	0	50
Ending Stocks	8	8	8	8	0	0
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	112	128	133	150	0	110
Calendar Year Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Year Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0

### **Section III. Narrative on Supply and Demand, Policy and Marketing**

#### **Policy**

Argentina does not have price support or direct export subsidy programs for oilseeds. Prices are largely set by the world market and closely follow commodity market prices in Chicago. To encourage domestic processing of oilseeds, Argentina has a tax on oilseeds exports (excluding confectionary peanuts and sunflower) of 3.5 percent. The Argentine Government also provides tax rebates for exports of high value or processed products as listed in the attached table.

Argentina is a member of the Mercosur customs union and does not apply tariffs on imports from other Mercosur members (Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay). Argentina also has preferential tariff treatment for exports of oilseeds and oilseed products to other countries in South America. While Chile is an associate member of Mercosur, Argentine exports of soybean oil to Chile are subject to the price band system. Argentina has challenged the price band system in the WTO, where it has requested a dispute settlement panel. Peru also recently applied a countervailing duty of 7 percent on imports of bottled soybean oil from Argentina.

#### **Technology**

Approximately 90 percent of soybean production in Argentina is from biotech varieties, with no-till planting of soybeans common. In general, the technology used in Argentina is much the same as the technology in the United States, with many of the same companies supplying inputs in both countries. Licensing fees and seed costs for biotech soybeans are less in Argentina than in the United States, since licensing restrictions are more difficult to enforce and farmers are allowed to save seeds from one year for planting the next year.

#### **Consumption and Trade**

Argentina ships most of its oilseed production to external markets, with only a small percentage used for either human or animal consumption. Crushing capacity is an estimated 29 million tons, well in excess of total oilseed production. Most oilseeds are crushed domestically (in part due to differential tax treatment for oilseeds versus processed products), although an increasing percentage of soybeans are exported. The increase in soybean exports is largely due to increased barriers for imports of processed oilseed products in major markets such as China and India.

Sunflower oil exports were hit particularly hard by the decision of India earlier this year to increase the tariff to 75 percent (from 16.5 percent), since exports to India represented 38 percent of total sunflower oil exports in 2000. Exports of processed oilseed products over the last 4 years to China have fallen due to increased tariffs on soybean and sunflower oil imports that have discouraged oil imports and encouraged imports of oilseeds for in-country processing.

Restrictions on biotech products (mainly soybeans) in importing markets are a major concern in Argentina and could impact on future exports. The European Union has proposed highly restrictive biotech labeling requirements and other markets have also proposed restrictions that would ban or greatly increase the cost of biotech food products. Trade contacts indicate that the premium for non-biotech soybeans on the market is approximately US\$ 8 per metric ton, well below the additional cost of producing non-biotech soybeans of an

estimated US\$ 40 per hectare (which does not include the cost of segregation).

**Table 16. Oilseeds and Products: Import Tariffs, and Export Taxes and Rebates**

Product	Import Tariff	Export Tax	Tax Rebate
Seeds for planting: Soybean Peanut Sunflower Cottonseed	0	0	4.1 percent
Confectionary: Peanut Sunflower	12.5 percent 12.5 percent	0 0	6.8 percent 2.7 percent
Oilseeds (for crushing): Soybeans Sunflower Peanuts Cottonseed	10.5 percent 10.5 percent 12.5 percent 10.5 percent	3.5 percent 3.5 percent 3.5 percent 3.5 percent	0 0 0 0
Soybean/Sunflower Oil Crude Refined (bulk) Refined (in bottles) Peanut Oil Crude Refined (bulk) Refined (in bottles) Cottonseed Oil Crude Refined	12.5 percent 14.5 percent 14.5 percent 12.5 percent 14.5 percent 14.5 percent 12.5 percent 14.5 percent	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	1.4 percent 3.2 percent 10 percent 2.3 percent 3.2 percent 10 percent 1.4 percent 3.2 percent
Soybean Meal Sunflower Meal Peanut Meal Cottonseed Meal	8.5 percent 8.5 percent 8.5 percent 8.5 percent	0 0 0 0	0 0 3.2 percent 3.2 percent